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Dated 22-4-48

[Despatch Abstract.]

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Extract of the Report of the Bhore Committee - Volume II.

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22. The idea of creating a class of health worker known as 'Health Assistant', has been conceived by us in order to provide a type of personnel for assisting the medical man and for relieving him of many of his minor duties both on the curative as well as on the preventive side. Thus, it will be seen from Chapter IV, where our short-term ~~ρώτρό~~ proposals are discussed, that he will assist the Rural Medical Officer of Health in running his dispensary and will also attend to such matters as purification of water supplies, the checking of vital statistics by house to house canvassing, minor anti-malaria works, the spray killing of mosquitoes and other similar duties. During the transition period, the strength of medical and other personnel in a primary unit will be much smaller than under the long-term scheme, and will have to serve a larger population distributed over a wider area. The services of a health assistant can in these circumstances help to extend more widely curative and preventive health care even though it may be limited in scope. It may be asked whether, in the larger scheme under the long-term programme, there will be room for a man of such limited technical skill. It is true that, with the increased facilities for institutional and domiciliary medical care that the larger scheme will provide, there will be less need for the services of the health assistant. But he can and should be made to devote himself more fully to preventive work. His training will no doubt have to undergo suitable alteration. In any case the question of continuing this class of health worker can safely be left to the judgment of the Provincial authorities, when they have acquired sufficient experience of the nature and quality of the work performed by health assistants.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract.

Establishment - Public Health - I class Vaccinators - Change of designation as 'Health Assistants' - Orders passed.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 1321, Public Health. Dated the 22nd April 1948.

Read:-

Resolutions passed at the Second Conference of Vaccinators.
Director of Public Health, R.Nc. 5433/E1/47 dated 5.3.1947.

Order:-

The Director of Public Health is informed that the Bhore Committee's idea in suggesting the creation of the post of 'Health Assistant' is that he should assist the medical officer and relieve him of many of his duties. Among other duties he will have to assist the Rural Medical Officer in running his dispensary. The 'Health Assistant' is expected to perform, both curative and preventive duties. The present type of vaccinators are not trained to discharge the duties of a Health Assistant as envisaged by the Committee and it will not be quite correct to designate the present Vaccinators as Health Assistants unless there is a radical alteration in the training given to future vaccinators. In the circumstances, the Government consider that no change in designation is called for at present.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor).

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To

The Director of Public Health, Madras.

Sir,

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for Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Establishment - Public Health - Local authorities
Vaccinators - Grievances - Representation.

Resolution No. 2 of the Second Conference of the Presidency Vaccinators.

Resolved that the existing designation of Vaccinators of 1st and 2nd class may be absolished and they may be termed I class vaccinators - Junior Health Inspectors (Ranges), Junior Sanitary Inspectors (Municipalities).

II. Class Vaccinators - Health Assistants.

Remarks of the Director of Public Health:- As recommended by the Bhore Committee, the designation of 1st class vaccinators may be changed as 'Health Assistants'.

Office Note:- Resolution (2) contains a request that the designation of Vaccinators may be changed and the Director of Public Health has recommended that the designation of 1st class vaccinators may be changed as 'Health Assistants' as recommended by the Bhore Committee. As this point requires further examination, necessary extracts may be taken for separate action.

C.O.C.

The Director of Public Health's suggestion in this matter is that the designation of 1st class vaccinators may be changed as 'Health Assistants' as recommended by the Bhore Committee. The Committee's idea in suggesting the creation of this post is that the Health Assistant should assist the medical officer and relieve him of many of his duties. Among other duties he will have to assist the Rural medical officer in running his dispensary. He is expected to perform, both curative and preventive duties. The present type of vaccinators are not trained to discharge the duties of a Health Assistant as envisaged by the Committee and it will not be quite correct to designate the present vaccinators as Health Assistant unless there is a radical alteration in the training given to future vaccinators. In the circumstances, it is for orders whether the Director of Public Health may be informed that the change in designation is not called for at present.

Yes.

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A draft order is submitted for approval.

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21.4.1948.

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Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

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